

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
BILLINGS DIVISION**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>  <b>Plaintiff,</b>  <b>vs.</b>  <b>JERRY RAY SCHUSTER BYRNE MARTIN MESTAS, and STEVEN PAUL FURLONG,</b>  <b>Defendants.</b>	<b>CR 19-88-BLG-SPW</b>  <b>FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE</b>
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WHEREAS, in the indictment in the above-captioned case, the United States sought forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, of any real or personal property of the defendants used or intended to be used to facilitate, or as proceeds of said violation;

AND WHEREAS, on January 8, 2020, defendant Schuster entered a plea of guilty to the indictment, which charged him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine – count I, and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine – count II;

AND WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, defendant Mestas entered a plea of guilty to count I of the indictment that charged him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine;

AND WHEREAS, on January 9, 2020, defendant Furlong entered a plea of guilty to count II of the indictment that charged him with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine;

AND WHEREAS, the defendants agreed not to contest, or assist others in contesting, the forfeiture sought in the charging document to which the defendants plead guilty;

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of said guilty pleas, the United States is entitled to possession of said property, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 853, and Rule 32.2(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure;

AND WHEREAS, beginning on April 23, 2020, and ending on May 22, 2020, the United States published on an official government internet site ([www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov)), notice of this forfeiture and of the United States' intent to dispose of the property listed below in accordance with federal law, under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1):

- \$1,380.69 in United States currency;
- \$1,465.00 in United States currency;

- \$5,000.00 in United States currency;
- \$11,280.00 in United States currency;
- M&P AR rifle (serial number ST65582);
- Winchester, model 94 3030 rifle (serial number 2314256);
- Ruger 20/22 rifle (serial number 120-33457);
- Smith & Wesson M&P 15;
- Truglo scope attached to Smith & Wesson MP 15;
- Magazine attached to Smith & Wesson MP 15;
- Ruger, 10/22 Carbine;
- Ruger 10/22 Magazine;
- Rounds of .22 ammo;
- Scope attached to Ruger 10/22 rifle;
- Rounds of .223 ammo; and
- Interceptor Body Armor panels.

AND WHEREAS, the Court has been advised that no claims have been made in this case regarding the property and the United States is not aware that any such claims have been made;

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

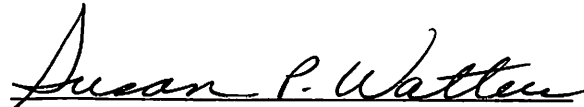
1. The United States shall seize the forfeited property described above;

2. The right, title, and interest in the property is condemned, forfeited, and vested in the United States of America for disposition according to applicable law;

3. All forfeited funds shall be deposited forthwith by the United States Marshal into the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Fund in accordance with 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1); and

4. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to all counsel of record and the defendant. The Clerk is further directed to send three certified copies of this order to the United States Marshal.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
SUSAN P. WATTERS  
United States District Judge